



12 Things Teachers & Schools Wish Parents Would Do

1. Establish a **daily family routine**, including healthy eating and sleeping habits.
2. **Build your child's self-esteem by expressing interest in your child's schoolwork and affirming the child's worth through positive messages.**
3. **Communicate openly with the school and contact the school when you are aware of issues concerning your child's success.**
4. **Approach your child's teachers directly** with an issue rather than going to the school office or principal first.
5. Express **high and realistic standards** for your child.
6. **Check on homework** regularly and ask questions about your child's work.
7. **Read aloud daily** to/with your child.
8. **Connect everyday experiences** to what is your child is learning at school.
9. Use **community learning opportunities**. Expose your child to the library, museums, the theater, concerts, etc. Encourage your child to join clubs, scouts, afterschool sports or fine arts, and other community programs.
10. **Monitor out-of-school activities** and set expectations for appropriate behavior.
11. **Model learning** at home by playing games, reading newspapers or magazines, and discussing current events.
12. **Volunteer** to help